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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER CRITICIZES CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS JANUARY 28
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THAT SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER, IN A STATEMENT
TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE MINISTERS' COMMITTEE, DECLARED
THAT "SERIOUS VIOLATIONS" OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN
EUROPE, AND IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN PARTICULAR, ARE "A
DANGER" TO DETENTE. SODER REPORTEDLY ALSO EXPRESSED FEARS
THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL HINDER THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE
HELSINKI AGREEMENTS AT BELGRADE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. PRESS REPORTS ARE BASED ON MFA NEWS RELEASE WHICH SUMMARIZES SODER'S REMARKS, SINCE MEETINGS IN STRASBOURG ARE IN PRINCIPLE CLOSED. AT THE DIRECTION OF MFA POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LEIFLAND, MFA HAS PROVIDED US WITH EXACT TEXT OF SODER'S STATEMENT, WHICH SWEDES ASK WE HOLD IN CONFIDENCE: "WE KNOW THAT THE WORK TO GAIN INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS AN UPHILL FIGHT. RECENT DISTURBING EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND I THINK IN PARTICULAR OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, REMIND US FORCEFULLY OF A NEED FOR FURTHER ACTION. THE CONSTITUTE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND AS SUCH ARE DEEPLY TO BE DEPLORED. THEY ALSO RISK HARMING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND THEREBY HINDERING PROGRESS AND POSITIVE RESULTS OF THE BELGRADE MEETING."

3. MFA OFFICIAL, IN REPLY TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S QUESTION, SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE AS YET BY THE CZECHS. HE KNEW OF NO PLANS TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE EXACT TEXT, BUT SUPPOSED THEY WOULD RECEIVE IT IF THEY ASKED.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN SEVERITY OF SWEDISH STATEMENT AND DEMONSTRATED CZECH SENSITIVITY IN THE PAST TO SUCH CRITICISM, IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPACIL'S PLANNED VISIT TO STOCKHOLM IN FEBRUARY WILL ONCE AGAIN BE POSTPONED. (HIS VISIT LAST FALL WAS CANCELLED AFTER FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON CRITICIZED THE SOVIET INVASION OF 1968). MFA OFFICIAL
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HAZARDED A GUESS, "ON A PERSONAL BASIS," THAT SPACIL'S VISIT WILL BE CANCELLED.
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